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Dear [Redacted]

To follow up on discussions between our staffs, I want to share with you the actions we have taken with respect to various NSA legislative proposals received in connection with the Intelligence Community's Legislative Program for the 100th Congress, Second Session, and the draft Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1989.

The Program was transmitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on 6 October 1987. The draft FY-89 bill was transmitted to OMB for Administration clearance on 4 January 1987. Out of a total of thirty-three items in the Program, eight were initiated by or related directly to NSA.

Two of the eight were included or addressed in some fashion in the Fiscal Year 1988 Intelligence Authorization Act as signed into law by the President on 1 December 1987 (or in other legislation) and thus no further action on them is required: 100/2 - 21, NSA Graduate-Level Studies and 100/2 - 24, NSA Guard Force.

Of the remaining six, two are included in the draft FY-89 bill as sent to OMB for clearance: 100/2 - 19, DIA/NSA Tax-Exempt Allowances and 100/2 - 25, Export Administration Act Change Report.

The remaining four were dealt with as follows:

Item 100/2 - 5, Clarification of CIA/NSA/DIA Drug and Alcohol Abuse Authorities. As you know, this proposal has not been favorably received in the Congress in past years. This year there was an additional problem in that its transmission to the Congress at this time could undercut arguments being made by the Government in the Doe and Egan cases. Accordingly, it was not included in the bill.

The other three are personnel items: 100/2 - 20, NSA "Squillacote" Payments; 100/2 - 22, NSA Transportation of Remains; and, 100/2 - 23, NSA Pay Advance. As you know, under Section 701 of the FY '88 Act, the Congress directed a study of Intelligence Community personnel systems by the National Academy of Public Administration to be completed by January 1989. In their report, the conferees indicated an expectation that new personnel proposals would be put "on hold" during the conduct of the study. As a result, a number of new proposals, including these three, were not included in the draft bill as sent to OMB.

I hope this is responsive to the concerns you expressed.

Sincerely,



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